

3415, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the placement in a national cemetery of memorial markers for the purpose of commemorating servicemembers or other persons whose remains are interred in an American Battle Monuments Commission cemetery; H.R. 1137, To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase to \$2,000 the amount of the Medal of Honor special pension under that title and to provide for payment of that pension to the surviving spouse of a deceased Medal of Honor recipient; H.R. 3954, Providing Military Honors for our Nation's Heroes Act; H.R. 3286, To amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the period of time for which a veteran must be totally disabled before the veteran's survivors are eligible for the benefits provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for survivors of certain veterans rated totally disabled at time of death; and H.R. 4084, Veterans Quality of Life Study Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Langevin; Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

## *Joint Meetings*

### CURRENT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current economic outlook, focusing on developments in financial markets, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### HEAD START ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access.

### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine outstanding

issues relating to the 1992–1995 conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, focusing on violent ethnic cleansing, and how they shape politics, society, and economic development in Bosnia and Herzegovina, after receiving testimony from Raffi Gregorian, Office of the High Representative, Douglas Davidson, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Adam Boys, International Commission on Missing Persons, all of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Diane Orentlicher, American University, Washington, D.C.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1476)

H.R. 1808, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center". Signed on November 8, 2007. (Public Law 110–112)

S. 2106, to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001. Signed on November 8, 2007. (Public Law 110–113)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert D. Jamison, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, and W. Ross Ashley III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, 9 a.m., SD–342.

#### House

*Committee on House Administration,* Subcommittee on Elections, oversight hearing on Election Day Registration and Provisional Voting, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.